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THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY"
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Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the approval of the following draft resolution for adoption by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session:

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITLED " WOMEN 2000: GENDER EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY"

[G77: Delete PP1-6 and replace with a PP Recalling GA resolutions 52/100, 52/231 and 53/120 and ECOSOC resolution 1996/6.]

[PP 1 Recalling ECOSOC resolution 1996/6 which endorsed the multiyear work programme for CSW and called for a comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

PP 2 Recalling GA resolution 52/100 that called for a high level plenary review to be convened in the year 2000 to review and assess progress in implementing the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies to the year 2000 and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and to consider further actions and initiatives;

PP 3 Also recalling GA resolution 53/120 inviting CSW to propose the agenda (structure and themes) **[JUSCANNZ: replace the word :** themes **with the word : substance]**, and documentation for the Special Session taking into account GA resolution 52/231 and to focus on further actions and initiatives that might be considered during the review in order to achieve gender equality with attention to mainstreaming a gender perspective and to common trends and themes across the twelve critical areas of concern; **[EU: delete the**

following: and to focus on further actions and initiatives that might be considered during the review in order to achieve gender equality with attention to mainstreaming a gender perspective and to common trends and themes across the twelve critical areas of concern; **EU: move PP.3 after PP.5]**

PP 4 Emphasizing that a **[EU: replace the word : a with the word : the]** major objective of the Special Session is to review and appraise progress in implementing the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies and the Beijing Platform for Action, and that the review of progress in implementation should focus on examples of good practices, positive actions, lessons learned, obstacles and key challenges remaining; **[JUSCANNZ: including by drawing upon available statistical indicators]**

PP 5 Also emphasizing that a further objective of the Special Session in accordance with GA resolutions 52/231 and 53/120 is to consider further actions and initiatives for achieving gender equality in the next millenium; **[JUSCANNZ: including full implementation of the Platform for Action]**

PP 6 **[JUSCANNZ: renumber PP6 to read: PP6 bis]** Noting that the General Assembly requested the Commission, in its resolutions 52/100, 52/231, and 53/120 to give attention to appropriate arrangements for the involvement and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Special Session and called for participation of Member States at a high political level **[JUSCANNZ: delete the word :** and : **after the word** : Special session, **insert as PP.6: Noting that the General Assembly** called for participation of Member States at a high political level, **as well as high-level participation of the UN agencies;] [EU: reverse order: first states, second NGOs]**

PP 7 Taking note **[G77:** [with appreciation]] of the reports of the SG on Review and Appraisal (E/CN.6/1999/PC/3) and on Further Actions and Initiatives (E/CN.6/1999/PC/2);

PP 8 Also taking note [G77: [with appreciation]] of the report of CEDAW on implementation of the Platform for Action by the States Parties to the Convention (E/CN.6/1999/PC/4);

Initiation of the review and appraisal of national, regional and international implementation

OP 1 Reiterates its invitation to Governments that have not yet done so to prepare national action plans and reports on the implementation of the Platform for Action and underlines the importance of involving relevant actors of civil society especially non-governmental organizations;

OP 2 Invites Member States in preparing implementation plans and reports and responding to the questionnaire of the Secretary-General, to report on good practices, positive actions, lessons learned, the use of qualitative and quantitative indicators for measuring progress wherever possible, key challenges remaining in the critical areas of concern of the Platform for Action and obstacles encountered;

OP 3 Encourages all of the United Nations Regional Commissions and other inter-governmental regional organizations to carry out activities in support of the preparations for the Special Session, inter-alia through holding preparatory meetings, to ensure a regional perspective on implementation and on further actions and initiatives, as well as on a vision for gender equality, development and peace in the twenty first century, and to make their reports available in the year 2000 to the Commission on the Status of Women acting as preparatory committee;

OP 3 bis Encourages all entities of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, funds and programmes, and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to be involved actively in preparatory activities and to participate at the highest level in the Special Session, including through presentations on best practices,

obstacles encountered and a vision for the future to accelerate implementation of the Platform for Action and address new and emerging trends;

OP 4 Decides that the Special Session should have a Plenary and an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole; (placement to be decided)

Agenda and documentation for the Special Session

OP7 Reaffirms that the Special Session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Platform for Action and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

OP 8 Decides that the provisional agenda shall include the following items:

- Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

- Further actions and initiatives for over coming obstacles to implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

OP 9 Requests the Secretary General to make available all necessary documentation in a timely manner for the Special Session keeping in mind General Assembly resolutions 52/231 and 53/120; (placement of OP.9 to be determined)

OP 10 Requests the Secretary-General to prepare the comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action based on national action plans and replies of Member States to the questionnaire taking into account relevant data and information available to the UN system from all sources, including follow up activities to other recent global UN conferences; **[EU: delete the words :** to the UN system from all sources, **and replace with the words : including on progress made in the implementation of**

gender-mainstreaming, from all sources within the UN system];

OP 11 Encourages the UN system to continue to hold discussions with **[G77 add the words : relevant actors of]** civil society **[G77 add the words : especially NGOs]** in the exchange of views for the review and appraisal process on the implementation of the Platform for Action, including for example, through the website WomenWatch and through electronic networking; **[G77 delete the words** : including for example, through the website Womenwatch and through electronic networking, **replace with the words : including for example wherever available the use of electronic networking] [JUSCANNZ: delete the word** : including, **and replace it with the word** : through, **and add at the end of the sentence the words: and video conferencing during the Special Session]**;

OP 12 Requests the Secretary General, in preparing additional material on further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000 for the Report of the Secretary General on Emerging Issues (as requested in GA resolution 52/231) to make preliminary proposals on strategies for overcoming obstacles to implementing the twelve critical areas of concern taking into consideration the five functional categories for action contained in the Report of the SG before the Commission at its forty-third session (E/CN.6/1999/PC2); **[JUSCANNZ: in the first line, after the word** : Secretary-General, **insert the words : to make proposals for further actions and initiatives beyond the year 2000, taking into consideration the implementation strategies** contained in the Report of the SG before the Commission at its forty-third session (E/CN.6/1999/PC2);] **[JUSCANNZ: delete the words** : , in preparing additional material on further actions and initiatives for the preparation of the outlook beyond the year 2000 for the Report of the Secretary General on Emerging Issues (as requested in GA resolution 52/231) to make preliminary proposals on strategies for overcoming obstacles to implementing the twelve critical areas of concern taking into consideration the five functional categories for action] **[EU delete the words** : for overcoming obstacles to implementing, **and replace them with the words : to accelerate the implementation of]**

OP 13 **[EU:delete OP 13] [JUSCANNZ: delete OP 13]** [Further requests the Secretary-General in the context of the Platform for Action, to elaborate on the gender dimensions of the four cross-cutting themes contained in the above-mentioned report and to make this analysis available at the next session of the Preparatory Committee in 2000;]

[JUSCANNZ: replace OP.13 with the following: further requests the Secretary-General to elaborate on the gender dimension of common trends and themes across the 12 critical areas of concern and their implications for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and to make this analysis available at the next session of the Preparatory Committee in 2000;]

[EU OP13: Further requests the Secretary-General in the context of the twelve critical areas of the Platform for Action to examine opportunities and challenges in a changing global environment in the light of the review and appraisal exercise, including national, regional and international inputs, with a view to seizing opportunities and overcoming obstacles to facilitate accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action and to make this analysis available at the next session of the Preparatory Committee in the year 2000.]

[G77: replace OP.10, 12 and 13 with the following:

Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report in four separate parts taking into account all relevant information available to the United Nations system including statements made by Delegations at relevant forums of the United Nations on the following four themes: 1) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Platform for Action based on national action plans including the reports of States parties presented to the CEDAW Committee and replies of Member States to the Questionnaire; 2) Good practices, positive actions, lessons learned, successful strategies and positive initiatives; 3) Obstacles encountered; 4) [Emerging issues] and further actions and initiatives taking into account the

functional categories and [cross-cutting themes] proposed in the Secretary-General report E/CN.6/1999/PC/2, as well as further proposals contributed by Member States on the above, including proposals for restructuring of the ideas;]

Participation in the Special Session

OP 14: Urges Member States and observers to ensure their representation at the Special Session at a high political level;

OP 15: Confirms that the Special Session will be open to the participation of all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly (see op46, GA res 52/100);

15bis Calls for the participation of associate members of regional economic commissions in the Special Session for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, subject to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, and in the preparatory process thereof, in the same capacity of observer that held for their participation in the 1995 global conference;

OP 16 Encourages Member States to include relevant actors of civil society, especially NGOs, representatives of women's **[and youth]** organizations in their national preparatory processes as well as on their delegations to the Preparatory Committee and the Special Session;

OP 17: Emphasizes that NGOs should play an important role in the preparations for the Special Session and in the Session itself and recommends that NGOs in consultative status with the ECOSOC as well as the NGOs that participated in the Fourth World Conference on Women whose applications for consultative status with the ECOSOC are still under consideration, may participate in the Special Session(see GA res 53/120, para.46); **[G77 delete the words :** Emphasizes that NGOs should play an important role in the preparations for the Special Session and in the Session itself and, **and start with :** Recommends that NGOs ...; **delete the words :** participated in, **and replace them with : were accredited to]**; **[EU: delete the words :** whose applications for consultative status with the ECOSOC are still under consideration,]

[EU OP17 bis: (a) Decides that these NGOs will be invited to participate in the plenary meeting of the (number) special session of the General Assembly in the debate on an overall review and appraisal of, as well as further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action; (b) Decides also that those NGOs that cannot be accommodated in the debate on an overall review and appraisal of, as well as further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in the plenary meeting of the (number) special session may be invited to address the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the (number) special session; (c) Invites the President of the General Assembly to extend invitations to these NGOs to participate in the (number) special session of the General Assembly;]

Preparatory Process

OP 19 **[JUSCANNZ: bracket OP 19]** [Invites the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee to convene, in addition to informal open-ended consultations, an inter-sessional open-ended working group meeting for one week to consider preparations for the Special Session (at a time available in the calendar

of meetings in early 2000 at New York Headquarters);] **[EU delete the words** :in addition to. **Insert the words : as appropriate :** after the words : **open-ended consultations; delete the words:** an inter-sessional open-ended working group meeting for one week]

OP 20 Recommends that the major share of the three week 44th session of the CSW in March 2000 be allocated to the Commission acting as the Preparatory Committee.